

- Col. 19th 11. 27. May 17. 61
- = Aid a Camp Nov. 18. 61
- = Engagements in Dept of the Shenandoah.
- Special Commendation for meritorious services as Winchester
- = Observed Lee's movements in moving from Richmond
- = Cedar Mountain
- = in several engagements in the Rappahannock Army of Virginia
- = Flank movements of Lee first to discovery -
- = in 2nd Battle Manassas reporting to Gen. Pope
- = Organization of Lee's Army
- = Wounded a Post at Hixson
- = Red River Campaign
- = Service in D. of the Gulf

HEAD-QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, }
 NEW ORLEANS, 19th Dec., 1862. }

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This report I had the honor to present to you in person, and copies also, were sent to the Secretary of War, and the Commander-in Chief, in September.

As an officer of INTELLIGENCE, INTEGRITY, INDUSTRY, AND FIDELITY TO THE GOVERNMENT, COLONEL CLARK MERITS THE HIGHEST COMMENDATION AND THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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With much respect,

Your obedient servant,

N. P. BANKS, M. G. C.

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TO THE PRESIDENT :

SIR—In the belief that it is within the line of official duty, I beg your permission to commend to your favorable consideration, the military services of COLONEL JOHN S. CLARK, an additional Aide-de-Camp, by your appointment, on my staff.

He has been a member of my military family for more than a year, and HAS DISCHARGED ALL HIS DUTIES WITH DISTINGUISHED INDUSTRY, FIDELITY, AND CAPACITY. He was present at both battles at Winchester, rendering important services, and receiving honorable mention in the Reports of Commanding Generals.

Apart from ordinary routine of Staff duties, Colonel Clark has given much attention to obtaining information of the organization, movements, and purposes of the Rebel army. After the battle of Cedar Mountain, at which he was present, rendering valuable services, and receiving honorable mention, he prepared from examination of prisoners an entirely reliable report, in minute detail of Jackson's army. He was the first to discover and report, by patient observation with officers of the Signal corps of my command, the movements of General Lee, and the army under his command, towards Buck Mountain, White Plains, and Manassas, when the army of Virginia occupied the Rappahannock Valley, and gave in person to General Pope, then at Warrenton Junction, notice of the movement and plans of Lee's army. His report was afterwards fully verified by the facts. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS SERVICE, THE WHOLE OF WHICH WAS PERFORMED WITHIN MY OWN OBSERVATION, CANNOT BE TOO HIGHLY ESTIMATED.

Subsequently he prepared a full statement of the organization of Lee's army, then in Maryland, with a statement of the forces and officers of all its Divisions, Brigades, and Regiments of Infantry, Artillery, and Cavalry, and the States they represented. This Report I had the honor to present to you in person, and copies also, were sent to the Secretary of War, and the Commander-in Chief, in September.

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AUBURN, N. Y. JUNE 29, 1863.

HIS EXCELLENCY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN :

DEAR SIR—Permit me to make a few suggestions relative to the military qualifications and services of COL. JOHN S. CLARK, of the staff of Major Gen'l Banks.

He entered the service from this city in May, 1861, as Col. of the 19th N. Y. V., afterwards changed to the 3d N. Y. V. Artillery, and remained with the Regiment until August of that year, when he was transferred to the Staff of Gen'l Banks, where he has since remained. Of his usefulness, fidelity, and ability in this position Gen'l Banks can furnish the most reliable information.

His services however previous to taking the field are most meritorious, and deserving of special mention. Being at Baltimore on his return home from Washington, at the time of the riot on the 19th of April, 1861, he stopped, mingled during the day and following night with the populace and rioters, gathered all possible information and on the following morning returned to Washington and laid the information before the military authorities. Communication with Annapolis being cut off, he accepted the hazardous position of bearer of dispatches from the War Department to Gen'l Butler, and of the seventeen messengers sent upon that mission, was the only one who succeeded in reaching his destination without arrest, and that was accomplished only by a night march on foot of twenty-five miles in a country with which he was unfamiliar, and by swimming the Patuxent, within sound of the voices of the enemies sentinels. Gen'l Lander, the only other one of the messengers who succeeded in reaching Gen'l Butler at all, was arrested on the route, but forwarded by Gov. Hicks. Col. Clark returned from Annapolis in company with the 7th Regiment N. Y. Militia, and remained as a volunteer attache of the War Department without reward, and until his selection, in his absence, and without his knowledge or solicitation, to command the 19th N. Y. V., the first regiment raised in this Congressional District. In regard to these services at Washington, I beg to refer you to Gen'l Scott, Sec'y Seward, and the late Sec'y Cameron, each of whom is wholly familiar with them.

His labors upon the Staff of Gen'l Banks have been unremitted, until temporarily disabled by a severe gun shot wound through the leg, in the first advance upon Port Hudson, from which however he is now rapidly recovering.


I have known Col. Clark intimately for many years. Possessing as he does, a splendid physical organization, great mental powers, indomitable energy, and untiring industry, and the whole hardened and disciplined into the soldier by more than two years of constant military service, I am not surprised at his success in the least, and know him to be competent to fill a wider field of usefulness in the future.

This Congressional district I judge to have furnished at least seven thousand two and three year soldiers. No Brigadier has been appointed from the District. I know most of the officers well, and among them I know none who has so justly earned promotion, and none more competent for the command of a Brigade.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

THEO. M. POMEROY, M. C.



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ALBANY, JANUARY 2, 1863.

HIS EXCELLENCY, ABRAHAM LINCOLN :

DEAR SIR—Colonel John S. Clark, now on the staff of Major Gen. Banks, is a citizen of our State, and one of the first commissioned by me on the breaking out of the rebellion. HE IS AN OFFICER OF UNCOMMON MERIT, has rendered signal service to the Government, and is, I am confident, fully entitled to the rank of Brigadier General, and I should esteem it a favor to have him appointed as such.

With great regard,
E. D. MORGAN.

WILLARD'S HOTEL, WASHINGTON, JUNE 12, 1863.

MY DEAR SIR :

I desire to unite with the friends of Col. John S. Clark, in commending his application for appointment as Brigadier General. I need not enlarge upon the grounds, which in my judgment entitle him to expect this promotion. They are forcibly stated in the letter of Gen. Banks, which will be presented in support of the application. I have known Col. Clark for several years, and believe him eminently deserving the distinction.

THE PRESIDENT.

Yours with esteem,
IRA HARRIS.

ALBANY, JAN. 5, 1863.

DEAR SIR :

Col. Clark, whom Gen. Banks and Governor Morgan recommend for promotion, is a very capable and efficient officer. He is a man like the late General Landor, of indomitable energy and courage.

He is also sagacious and far-seeing, all his qualities fitting him for usefulness, and I am confident that his services entitle him to promotion.

Yours truly,
HON. E. M. STANTON. THURLOW WEED.

[Extract from Gen. Pope's Report, Virginia Campaign.]

During the day of the 24th, a large detachment of the enemy numbering thirty-six regiments of Infantry, with the usual number of batteries of artillery, and a considerable cavalry force, marched rapidly down the north in the direction of Rectortown. They could be plainly seen from our signal stations, established at high points along the Rappahannock; and their movements and force were reported to me from time to time, by Col. John S. Clark, of General Banks' staff, who both on that day, and for many preceding days, gave me most valuable and reliable information. I am glad to express here my appreciation of the valuable services of this officer.—*Official Report, Jan. 29, 1863.*

Colonel John S. Clark.

Testimonials & letters of

recommendation.